

# Crafting

The gift of crafting is the ability to use craft, professional, technical, trade, or handy skills to design, create, repair and/or construct items used for ministry.

## Scriptural References

Exodus 28:1-5, Exodus 31:1-5, Exodus 35:10-19, Exodus 35:31-35, 1 Kings 7:13-14, 2 Kings 22:5-6, Acts 9:39, Acts 16:14, Acts 18:2-3

## Biblical Models

Bezalel, son of Uri; Oholiab, Dorcas, Lydia, Priscilla

## People with this gift can

- Work with one or more of: wood, metal, paint, glass, plants, cloth, AV equipment, etc.
- Work skilfully with required tools, equipment, technologies and/or knowledge.
- Enjoy using their hands and/or heads on concrete projects.
- Can design, create, build, use and/or repair buildings, grounds, AV equipment, databases, financial statements, contracts, etc.

## Cautions

- May not see their work as truly making a contribution to the spiritual life of the church
- May focus on the work to be done and overlook the ministry to be served.
- May resist change because of personal investment in the work they have done.

## Personal Traits

- Handy
- Resourceful
- Practical
- Helpful
- Creative
- Designer
- Prefers behind-the-scenes

## Tips for nurturing this gift

- Let your church know of the skills you can offer.
- Learn from others by helping them with their work.
- Get training in particular skills.

## Possible Tasks

- Property maintenance and repair, gardening, web page design, membership databases, bookkeeping, legal assistance, ...

## Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Be practical.